

WØMTL - **Mark Twain Land Area News** - WØKEM

JULY, 2008

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WOW! Can you believe it!! July already!



**HAPPY 4TH, AND BLESS ALL OUR FORCES
 THAT ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM
 PRAY FOR THEM!**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday
 June 11th, 2008 at 7:30 PM**

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo. Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2008 Hannibal, MO ARC 2008 Exam Dates

Wednesday, July 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arrrl.net or 573-221-8618.

The 2008 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.



HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES



By Fred Miller, KBØWIL

Date: June 11th, 2008

Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant
St. Hannibal Mo 63401

Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW

Approval of minutes in the newsletter:

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF



TREASURERS REPORT: Tony-WØPGL

Cash-\$1,049.76 CD-\$1,244.23

Total-\$2,293.99

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: J.D.-WØAJD

REPEATER REPORT: Tony-WØPGL & Fred- KBØWIL

The 146.625 repeater was hit by a lightning surge
on (Friday) May 30th, 2008. Tony-WØPGL went

to the repeater site and disconnected all the equipment. Fred-KBØWIL went to the site on (Sunday) 6-1-08 and had to reset the Arcom controller, checked all the settings and then put it back in service. It is operating as intended at the moment. We still have the occasional cracking noise , when we have windy conditions. So, we still need to plan on having a tower climber check out the antenna in the near future. We are also experiencing one or more repeaters , that are coming in on 625 when the band conditions are open, and breaking the squelch. It is rather annoying, and the only way I know to help alleviate it would be to install a subaudible tone. The 146.880 machine is still operating just fine, with no problems.

Field Day 2008: WØKEM June28th-29th (Saturday & Sunday)

We will be having Field Day in Huckleberry Park, Hannibal, MO. We discussed all the equipment that we will need to set up our stations. Set up time is 8:00 AM. We will be operating as 3A-MO. Running (one) cw station and (two) ssb stations. The club purchased aluminum and fiberglass poles with hardware for setting up our wire antenna, and also (3) Toshiba laptop computers. The computers will work great with Trlog , which is what we will be using to log with. Howie-KØDFW and Fred-KBØWIL purchased the above items at the Dayton Hamfest this year.

We discussed inviting a law enforcement official. Fred-KBØWIL is going to contact Jimmy Shinn with the Marion County Sheriff Dept about attending. Fred is also going to contact the Hannibal Police Department in regards that we will be operating there all night long.

HARC Barbeque: August 2nd, 2008 (Saturday)

We are going to have our annual club barbeque in Huckleberry Park Pavilion, on Saturday August 2nd. Starting time is 5:00PM. Everyone is to bring a carry in dish of some sort, deserts, cakes, cookies, breads, salads, etc. The club will supply the Iced Tea, pork chops, hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. The barbeque is for club members and there guests only.

UPCOMING CLOSE BY HAMFESTS**St. Charles Hamfest:** August 3rd, 2008 (Sunday)**Quincy Hamfest:** August 9th, 2008 (Saturday)

Please plan on attending the hamfest in Quincy Illinois. It is a nice little event and they need our support.

Special Note: August 10th, 2008 (Sunday)

Carol-WA9EFV and Nancy his XYL are going to have their world famous get together at the Redneck Retreat near Barry Illinois. Lunch starts approximately at High Noon. Confederates and Rednecks are most welcome, he even accepts Yankees. Contact Carol-WA9EFV if you need more information, of course if you really want a good answer, you better ask Nancy...ha ha...

KØS Special Event Station:
August 21st- August 24th, 2008.

Contact J.D.-WØAJD if you wish to operate on the WW2 LST 325 Memorial Ship that is going to be docked here in Hannibal. We need CW and also SSB operators. J.D. is going to set up a schedule with all the operators names, because we will be limited to only one CW and one SSB operator in the radio control room at the same time.
 J.D. phone: 573-221-2937 leave message
 J.D. e mail: sinclair@rallstech.com

FLOOD WATCH ALERT: Tony-WØPGL was been informed that the local emergency services might need the local hams help in regards to monitoring the current levee conditions. The Mississippi River is expected to be at a very high level in the coming days and weeks. Please Contact Mark Carpenter-NØZOF if you are interested in helping.

HARC AUCTION: Howie-KØDFW as the head auctioneer, auctioned off some of the items that Lew-K4VX donated to the club. We auctioned the CD-Library for hams to Bill-N9UPG, the 2004 Operating Manual and 2004 ARRL Handbook to Scott-KDØDKE. We kept the General Class Handbook & General Class Q&A handbook to loan out to members to study with. Thanks again to Lew for the great donation to the club.

New HARC Member: We voted in Kyle-KDØEBL to the club, thanks for joining our club. Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA Seconded by: Bill-N9UPG

50/50 Won by:

Larry -WA6JMR won the 50/50 and he donated it back to the club, thanks Larry the club appreciates it.

VE Testing: We will be having VE testing on July 9th, 2008 , our next club meeting. Contact Cliff-KØCA if you wish to take an exam.

Number of members present: 14**Number of guests: 2****Total in attendance: 16**

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion made by: Carol-WA9EFV

Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
 BY HOWARD BARNES KØDFW
 JULY, 2008**

Around the World



DX & Computer Horizons July 2008 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

Although I should be talking about DX, my mind is on a different kind of operating – “CQ Field Day.” Both the Hannibal W0KEM and Western Illinois W9AWE clubs will be practicing emergency preparedness and having fun in ARRL’s Field Day, the most popular operating event of the year, on June 28 - 29. I hope each of you will stop by and help at one of the FD sites. There’s plenty to do, including setup, operating, and visiting with your friends both eyeball and on the air. And don’t forget to stick around to help tear down the FD site. Have a great Field Day.

Probably the best time to find DX on the bands next month is during the IARU HF World Championship contest July 12-13. There will be hundreds of countries on the air, looking for every QSO they can find. So jump in and work some great DX. For more information on this contest, see <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/iaru.html>. Now on to some DX news for July.

9A CROATIA. Jan PA4JJ, plans to operate as 9A/PA4JJ from June 22 - July 12. He will have a G5RV antenna and operate on a number of bands.

C9 MOZAMBIQUE. A group of 8 hams is planning a DXpedition to C9 Mozambique in July, with operations scheduled for July 16-30. They plan to have two stations on the air. For a list of operators and callsigns, check their web page at www.tdxc.net/C9.html. They hope to be on all bands from 160 to 6 meters.

YN Nicaragua. Look for YN2KDJ to operate from YN2N from July 3-14, including operation during the IARU contest. QSL via W5KDJ.

XX9 Macau. A team of operators will sign XX9A during the IARU Contest July 12 – 13. QSL XX9A via BA4EG.

7X Algeria. A team of DXers plans to sign 7Y46ND from Algeria during the month of July. They plan to operate on 80-10 meters. QSL via 7X2DD.

HB0 LIECHTENSTEIN. Jan/DL7JAN and Mathew/DJ2HD will be operating using the callsigns HB0/homecall from July 15-19. They hope to be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

HR HONDURAS The Radio Club de Honduras DX Team will celebrate their 50th anniversary operating a special event station using the special callsign HQ50RCH from June 21 through July 31. For more information, see their Web page at: <http://www.hr2rch.org>.

There are several good online sources of near real-time DX spots. A good one with an automatic link to QRZ.com information is Ham Radio Deluxe DX Cluster <http://dxcluster.ham-radio.ch/>. You can select the type of spots you want to see by just clicking on one of the categories. The spots will display, and automatically refresh every 30 seconds. And by just clicking on either the call of the DX station or the spotter, the QRZ.com callbook information will pop up for that station.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month’s column. 73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA



HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST JULY 2008

7	K0DFW	HOWARD
14	N9UPG	BILL
21	KB9VIS	BRIAN

28 KBØWIL FRED

Thanks to all of you who do this!!

WWII LST 325 SPECIAL EVENT - KØS

This ship will be docking on the Hannibal Riverfront sometime the last of August 2008, and we are planning a special event on the ship. This will be an exciting and interesting event. Probably, once in a lifetime experience. KØS will be our special event call sign. The ship will be on the Hannibal Riverfront, August 20th to the 26th. Our operation times will be at various schedules based on the volunteer operator availability. Plans are just beginning to take place.

Below is a picture that shows how much interest it will bring to our riverfront. If you want to assist, be sure to get hold of J.D., WØAJD, 573-221-2937 or sinclair@rallstech.com or, on the 625 machine to get your operation time listed. The radio operation equipment will be set up by the HARC of Hannibal, MO. You can operate a few hours or possibly all day if you like. You do not have to be a member of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club to schedule a listed time. However, you do have to be a current licensed Ham operator. You must be scheduled prior to the event to get free access to the ships radio room. There will only be 2-3 operators per shift allowed.

See the website for the story of this fantastic ship. <http://www.lstmemorial.org/>



This LST (Landing Ship, Tank) is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops and supplies directly onto enemy shores. Ships of

this type proved to be enormously useful during times of war and peace both. This particular LST was originally known as LST-325 during the Second World War, USNS LST-325 during its arctic operations in the 1950's, and later L-144 (A/G Syros) while it was in the service of the Greek Navy. It was acquired by The USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., in 2000, and caught considerable public attention when our veteran crew brought it on a 6,500-mile journey from the Greek island of Crete to Mobile, Alabama. See more.....

<http://www.lstmemorial.org/>

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